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Lynch, et al.

Serial No.: 10/675,356

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
NETWORK-BASED DESIGN REVIEW

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LETTER REQUESTING REVIEW OF REFERENCES
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Sir:

Pursuant to Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to state in the record that the references which were cited during the prosecution of the earlier, related application have been considered.

During the prosecution of the patent application Serial No. 10/371,895 filed February 21, 2003, Applicants filed an information disclosure statement dated March 23, 2004 with an accompanying Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate in the record that these references have been considered. For convenience, a completed copy of Form

PTO 1449 is enclosed so that the Examiner can indicate by his initials that these references were considered during the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2004.

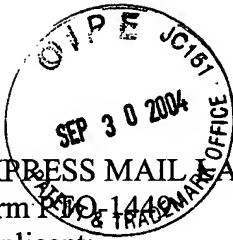
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS MADE BY APPLICANT

U.S. Patent Publications

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
_____ A1	US2002/0023046A1	02/21/2002	Callahan et al.
_____ A2	US2002/0026401A1	02/28/2002	Hueler
_____ A3	US2002/0082968A1	06/27/2002	Knowles et al.
_____ A4	US2003/0200168A1	10/23/2003	Cullen, III et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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Other Documents

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While the filing of Information Disclosure Statements is voluntary, the procedure is governed by the guidelines of Section 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. To be considered a proper Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 shall be accompanied by a copy of each listed patent or publication or other item of information and a translation of the pertinent portions of foreign documents (if an existing translation is readily available to the applicant), an explanation of relevance of each reference not in the English language, and should be submitted in a timely manner as set out in MPEP Sec. 609.

Examiners will consider all citations submitted in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP Sec. 609 and place their initials adjacent the citations in the spaces provided on this form. Examiners will also initial citations not in conformance with the guidelines which may have been considered. A reference may be considered by the Examiner for any reason whether or not the citation is in full conformance with the guidelines. A line will be drawn through a citation if it is not in conformance with the guidelines AND has not been considered. A copy of the submitted form, as reviewed by the Examiner, will be returned to the applicant with the next communication. The original of the form will be entered into the application file.

Each citation initialed by the Examiner will be printed on the issued patent in the same manner as references cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 list of 4 references submitted for consideration.
- ☐ Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.
- ☐ All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

The following are included within the Information Disclosure Statement if applicable and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☐ Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.
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